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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEV. BOARD

Re:

Project No. 17-048, Lake Behavioral

Hospital

Dear Ms. Avery:

Please accept the enclosed ten (10) support letters from members of United Methodist Church of Libertyville, which is member of Lake County United, for the above referenced project.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John P. Kniery

Health Care Consultant

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ENCLOSURE(s)





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